April 29, 2005 - United Way Recognizes Department of Correction

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Debra Minott, Director State Personnel Department and Richard Larson, Wabash Valley PIO at Awards Ceremony

Twenty-five of the Indiana Department of Correction facilities were recently recognized at the 2004-2005 State Employees Community Campaign Awards Ceremeony held at the State House Rotunda. The employees of the Department pledged \$201,182.10 to United Way of America.

J. David Donahue, Commissioner of Department of Correction, said "It is important to stop and reflect that the celebration is meant to honor not only these outstanding award winners, but everyone who has worked so hard to make possible the many accomplishments for the communities where we live."

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State Personnel Department Director, Debra Minott said, "The 2004-2005 State Employees' Community Campaign surpassed its \$1.2 million dollar goal by raising \$1,263,000 for almost 1,300 charities. This is an 11.9 percent increase over what was raised last year and the most in the SECC's 28-year history."

The United Way presented hundreds of awards Thursday to agencies and individuals for their support through agency and individual contributions, employee campaigns and in-kind donations. Congratulations to the many Department of Correction facilities for an excellent job in supporting of the State Employees Community Campaign (SECC).

About United Way of America

United Way of America is the national organization dedicated to leading the United Way movement in making a measurable impact in every community across America by focusing on the root causes of the most serious problems. The United Way movement includes approximately 1,350 community based United Way organizations. Each is independent, separately incorporated, and governed by local volunteers. For more information about United Way of America, please visit: www.unitedway.org.

About The Department of Correction

The Department employs over 9,000 employees and houses over 23,000 adult offenders and more than 1,000 juveniles, in 33 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: http://www.in.gov/indcorrection.